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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES \$2,071,000 IN FUNDING FOR ROBERTSON COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

**FRANKLIN, TEXAS, June 9, 2005** – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Robertson County Water Supply Corporation has been selected to receive \$2,071,000 through the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Program. The funds will be used to improve the area's existing water supply system.

"These funds from USDA Rural Development will enable the Robertson County Water Supply Corporation to renovate and expand its water facility, which has been serving its customers since 1975," said Daniel. "These improvements will help provide better, more efficient service to the 75% of rural Robertson County that is served by this water supply system."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide funding for construction, improvement, or expansion of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunication and education resources, and necessary community facilities.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Wastewater Program is designed to bring fresh, clean, drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Bryan office at (979) 846-0548 Ext. 4, or visit our website at <a href="http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/">http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/</a>.

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